KERALA

Chittur (PGT), Haripad, Kanjirapally, Karunagapally, Kolencherry, Mavelikara, Munnar, Nedumangad, Nileshwar, Ottapalam, Varkala, Vadakkancheri, Kesargod.

TAMILNADU

Gummudipundi, Manapparai, Nanguneri Penruti, Ramanathapuram, Palani, Sankarnagar, Tindivanam, Vridhachalam, Chennimalai, Devakottai, Dharapuram, Kayalpattinam, Krishnagiri, Metturdam, Tiruchendur, Yercand.

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Unintended benefits on essential drugs

*69. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug companies made huge unintended profits by overcharging the consumer on certain essential drugs such as Rifampicin, Gentamycin, Ethambutol, Pyrazinamide, Oxyphenbutazone, etc.;

(b) what are the names of the drug companies in whose favour claim notices based on each drug/formulation were issued along with the date of issuance of each claim notice;

(c) whether it is a fact that the ministry has not recovered any amount overcharged from the consumers on Rifampicin, Ethambutol, Pyrazinamide and Oxyphenbutazone as yet though the amount due is more than 50 crores;

(d) whether it is a fact that on Gentamycin, the companies have floated invoices upto the notified price when the market price and the actual purchase price was Rs. 25/- per gram less than the notified price;

(e) whether his Minister investigated into such instances; and

(f) if so, what are the details of the investigation made?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The amounts recoverable from companies under para 7 of DPCO, 1979, to the extent information is available, are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below). Notices were issued to all these companies during the period 1984—87.

(c) The amount recoverable on account of these drugs is about Rs. 1177.03 lakhs. No amount has so far been received as the parties have disputed the amount.

(d) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Statement

Details of Tentative amounts assessed and recoverable under para 7 (2) of DPCO, 1979

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Tentative amount assessed
		(Rs.)
	Rifampicin	
1	Biochem Pharmaceuticals	34,27,875.95
2	Lyka Labs	57,56,747.72
3	Astra IDL Ltd.	24,10,758.96

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Tentative amount assessed
		Rs.
4	Micro Labs	2,23,725.95
5	Themis Chemicals Ltd.	36,30,838.00
6	Alembic Chemicals Labs.	38,72,747.98
7	Bombay Drug House	1,73,061 00
8	Pharmed Pvt. Ltd.	68,00,776.80
9	Dolphin Labs.	18,10,988.20
10	Albert David Ltd.	3,91,419.00
11	Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals Ind.	87,99,326.50
12	Cadila Labs. Pvt. Ltd.	76,52,433.00
13	Sarabhai Chemicals	4,13,986.48
14	Lupin Labs	2,15,89,000.00
15	Ranbaxy Labs.	47,77,652.40
16	Wallace Pharmaceuticals.	2,82,071.00
17	Ethico Drugs & Chem. Mfg. Co.	1,40,97,889.00
	Diphyridamol	
1	M/S German Remedies	59,95,039.00
	Gentamycin	
1	M/s Fulford India Ltd. (Court Case)	194.62 lakhs
2	M/s Biochem Pharma Ltd.	33.88 lakhs
3	M/s Lyka Labs Ltd.	27.47 lakhs

Import of cellular mobile radio telephone

*70. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to import cellular mobile radio telephone systems;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the Centre for Development of Telematics was not asked to develop technology for car telephones; and

(c) how many cellular systems will be imported initially?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) Decision regarding import of Cellular Mobile Radio Telephone System is yet to be finalised.

(b) On enquiry C-DOT have clarified that they are not developing technology for Car Telephones.

(c) Does not arise.